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SUBJECT: SAHARA: POLISARIO ALLEGES DISCONTENT IN MAURITANIA RISING

1. JANUARY 11 EDITION OF SAHRAOUI REPUBLIC /POLISARIO NEWSPAPER
"SAHARA LIBRE" CARRIES FRONT PAGE ARTICLE ON FOUR ALLEGED MANI-
FESTATIONS OF DISCONTENT IN MAURITANIA:

A. LEAVING HIDING, MAURITANIAN OPPOSITION
DERAILED IRON ORE TRAIN NEAR INAL ON DEC 27.

B. ON DEC 30, MOST RAILROAD WORKERS IN NOUADHI-
BOU STRUCK IN PROTEST AGAINST INSECURITY CREATED BY
POLISARIO ATTACKS IN REGION AND AGAINST NECESSITY
OF TRANSPORTING MOROCCAN TROOPS AND MATERIAL TO
CHOUM, AKJOUJT AND TMEIMICHAT.

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C. MAURITANIAN MILITARY UNIT MUTINIED IN
NOUADHIBOU. CAUSES OF THIS INCIDENT WERE FAILURE
OF AUTHORITIES TO PAY TROOPS FOR SIX MONTHS AND DISGRUNTLEMENT
AT SEEING SECURITY OF TOWN BEING HANDLED BY MOROCCAN FORCES. AS
OF DECEMBER 31, MUTINY NOT QUELLED.

D. BECAUSE OF LACK OF SECURITY, "HUNDREDS OF FAMILIES"
LEAVING INAL, BOULANAOUR, TMEIMICHAT, CHOUM AND AKHOUIT EACH
DAY TO SEEK REFUGE IN SOUTHERN MAURITANIA AND SENEGAL.

2. ARTICLE ALSO CLAIMS THAT 1300 MAURITANIAN SOLDIERS DESERTED
AND LEFT COUNTRY IN 1977.

3. COMMENT: WITH BATTLEFIELD APPARENTLY QUIET, WE SUSPECT
THAT POLISARIO PROPAGANDA EFFORT WILL TURN MORE TO FOREGOING
SORT OF MATERIAL IN CARRYING ON STRUGGLE AGAINST GIRM.HAYNES

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